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September 25, 2017

Brian Baker, Director  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Food and Drug Administration  
Winchester Engineering and Analytical Center  
109 Holton Street  
Winchester, MA 01890-1197

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, FOOD AND DRUG  
ADMINISTRATION, ACCEPTANCE OF DECOMMISSIONING PLAN FOR  
REVIEW, MAIL CONTROL NO.592468

Dear Mr. Baker:

By letter dated July 21, 2017, the Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration (FDA), submitted a decommissioning plan (DP), Environmental Report, and Statement of Intent to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for the Winchester Engineering and Analytical Center (WEAC) located at 109 Holton Street, Winchester, Massachusetts. The FDA proposes a partial site release of soil areas at the WEAC site to comply with the requirements of 10 CFR 30.36(g) and enable the construction of new buildings on the site in the future.


Upon receipt of your submittal NRC staff performed an acceptance review in accordance with the guidance provided in NUREG 1757, Consolidated Decommissioning Guidance, Volume 1, Revision 2. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there was sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that we completed this acceptance review and determined that the submittal provides sufficient information to begin the detailed technical review.

Please note that given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review compared to the detailed technical review, there may be instances in which issues that impact the NRC staff's ability to complete the detailed technical review are identified. If additional information is needed, you will be notified by separate correspondence.

Be advised that, in accordance with the guidance provided in NUREG-1757, we plan to prepare and publish a notice in the Federal Register announcing the receipt of the DP and offer the public the opportunity for a hearing and provide comments on the DP. Using the information provided, the NRC staff will develop a Safety Evaluation Report to document the results of our detailed technical review. We may also elect to conduct an environmental assessment, if you have not conducted a sufficient assessment of the environmental impacts of the proposed action. Finally, upon approval of the DP, NRC staff would amend your license to incorporate the approved DP.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Varughese Kurian at 301-415-7426 or Katherine Warner at 610-337-5389.

Sincerely,

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Stephen Hammann, Senior Health Physicist  
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